

The Walsh Home
1654 Spring Hill Avenue
Mobile, Alabama

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Ownership;

Present Owner: Captain Richard Walsh.

Previous Owners: Captain Benjamin Vincent.

Date of Erection: Approximately 1830.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Captain Benjamin Vincent.

Present Condition: Good. (*Changes and additions*)

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Frame superstructure rests on first story basement, constructed of brick; basement porch of concrete; brick pillars support second story porch which has small columns with wooden balustrade in between.

Other Existing Records:

See:

"HISTORIC HOMES OF OLD MOBILE"

By John F. Glennon & Rosemary Glennon.
Buildings sketched by, Chici Glennon Lasley.

Additional Data: This beautiful place, located at 1654 Springhill Avenue, originally was the home of - Captain Benjamin Vincent, who came to Mobile in 1827, just when he built is unknown, but old deeds to the - property state that he was living in this home in 1831.

Captain Vincent was born in Bristol, Pennsylvania. He married Ann Church Kraft, sister of Michael Krafft who founded the Cow-Bellion de Rakin Society. The Kraffts were also natives of Bristol, and for many years Michael Krafft lived with the Vincents in the home sketched above.

As owner of the steam packet "Bethlehem" plying between Portersville (now known as Coden) and New Orleans, Captain Vincent amassed a considerable fortune. He was living in very comfortable circumstances when he was stricken with yellow fever, and died in Pascagoula in 1839.

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